

CRAWFORD COUNTY

COMMUNITY PROFILE

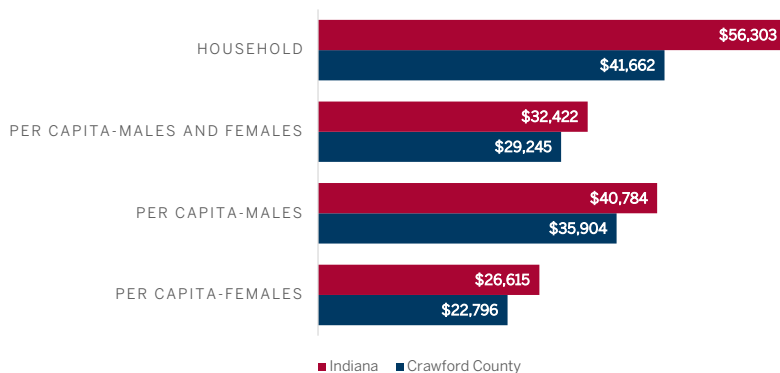
Facts, figures, and things to know about the people and places in Crawford County.

Household Demographics

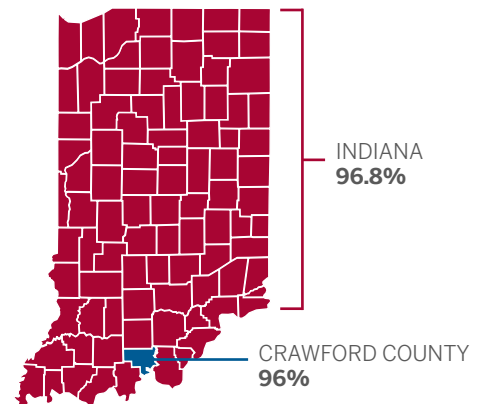
According to population estimates, there are 10,569 people who live in Crawford County.¹

The median household income for Crawford County is approximately \$14,500 lower than the state average.² There is a notable wage disparity between women and men in the county, with women earning approximately \$13,000 less than men on average. This is a slightly smaller pay gap than the state average.³ The employment rate for Crawford County is about 1 percent lower than the state average, with most residents of Crawford County being employed.⁴

MEDIAN ANNUAL INCOME FOR NON-DISABLED ADULTS

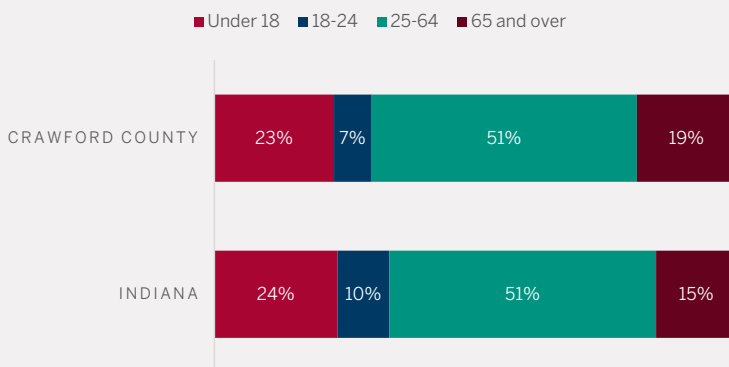


ADULTS EMPLOYED



The median age for Crawford County is approximately five years higher than the state's median age. Crawford County's age distribution is very similar to the state average, although people above the age of 65 make up a relatively high percentage of the population compared to the rest of Indiana.⁵

PERCENT OF POPULATION



MEDIAN AGE

37.7
INDIANA

43
CRAWFORD COUNTY



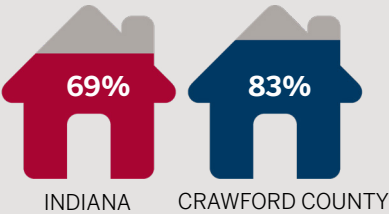
AUTUMN MUSIC FESTIVAL :

The Schwartz Family Restaurant hosts an annual Autumn Music Festival each September in Crawford County. Festival goers enjoy live bluegrass and country music. The festival brings art and artisan activity to people of all ages by including arts and crafts activities, sorghum and apple butter cooking with live demonstrations, pumpkin picking, hayrides, a queen contest, and homemade ice cream making. Those more musically inclined may participate in the annual karaoke contest held on the opening night of the festival.⁶

Housing

Residents of Crawford County are much more likely to own the home that they live in compared to the average Hoosier, and they pay about \$150 less in monthly rent payments on average.⁷ Slightly more than 40 percent of the homes in Crawford County are 40 years or older, while more than half the houses are worth less than \$100,000.⁸ Crawford County has almost no multi-family housing options and almost a third of all housing units are vacant, which is three times the state average. About 10 percent of households in Crawford County qualify as having a severe housing problem (overcrowding, high housing costs, or lack of kitchen or plumbing facilities).⁹

PERCENT OF OWNER-OCCUPIED HOUSING UNITS



MEDIAN RENT PAYMENT

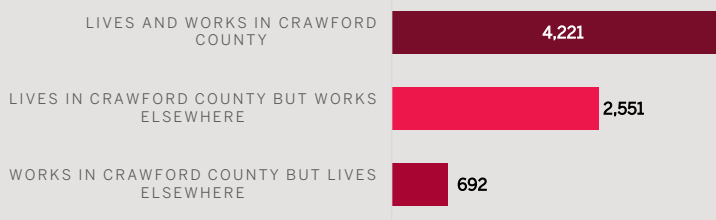


HOUSING CHALLENGES

BUILT PRIOR TO 1980	41.9%
HOUSES VALUED AT LESS THAN 100K	53.9%
MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING	3.3%
VACANT HOUSING UNITS	31%

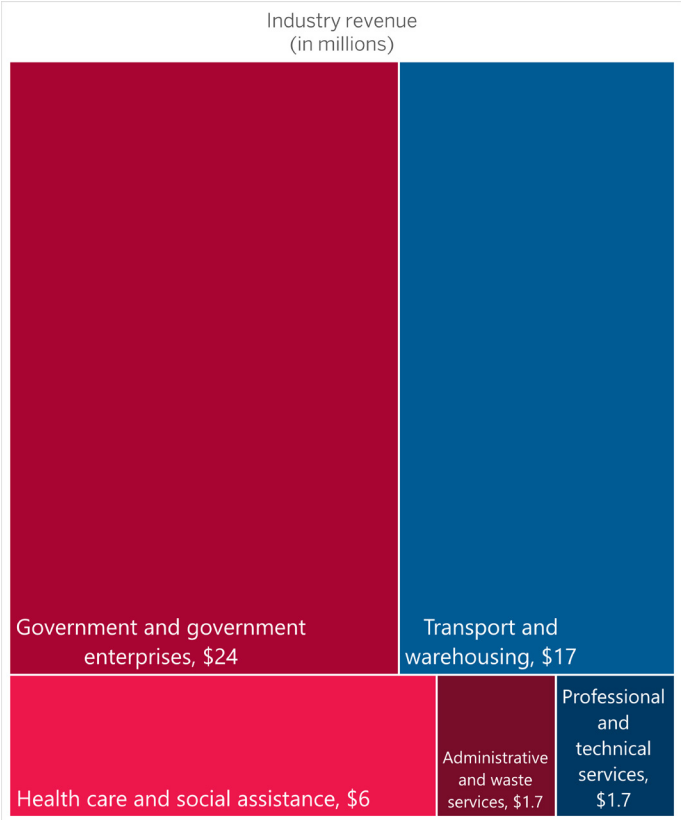
COMMUTING

More than half of all Crawford County workers both work and live in their county of residence, with more than 4,000 people working and living in the county. Approximately one-third of Crawford County residents commute outside of the county for work, and about 9 percent commute to Crawford County for work but live elsewhere.¹⁰



Industry

The top three industries in Crawford County are Government and Government Enterprises; Transportation and Warehousing; and Health Care and Social Assistance.¹¹ The top three major employers in the county are Mulzer Crushed Stone Inc in Leavenworth, Jay C in English, and Todd Dickey Nursing and Rehab in Leavenworth.¹²



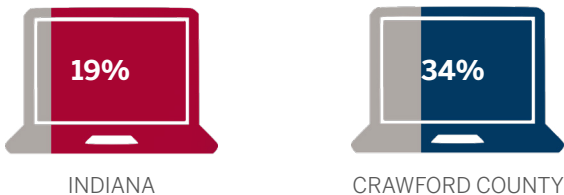
Technology

Access to the internet provides communities with a number of opportunities, from educational tools, to telemedicine, to the ability for local businesses to sell to people around the world. High speed broadband (25 Mbps download and 3 Mbps upload) allows for the most effective use of new technology that links rural communities to resources worldwide.¹³ Most Crawford County residents experience poor internet access compared to the rest of the state with internet speeds far below the definition of broadband internet and 34 percent of households with no internet access.¹⁴

MEDIAN DOWNLOAD ↑ UPLOAD SPEED (MBPS)

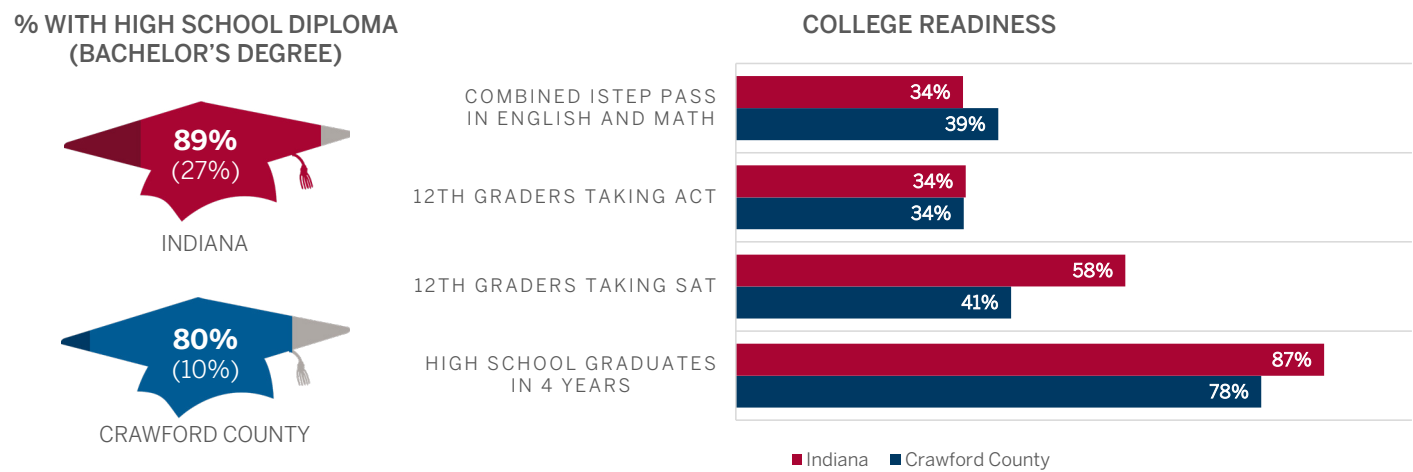


PERCENT OF HOUSEHOLDS WITH NO INTERNET ACCESS



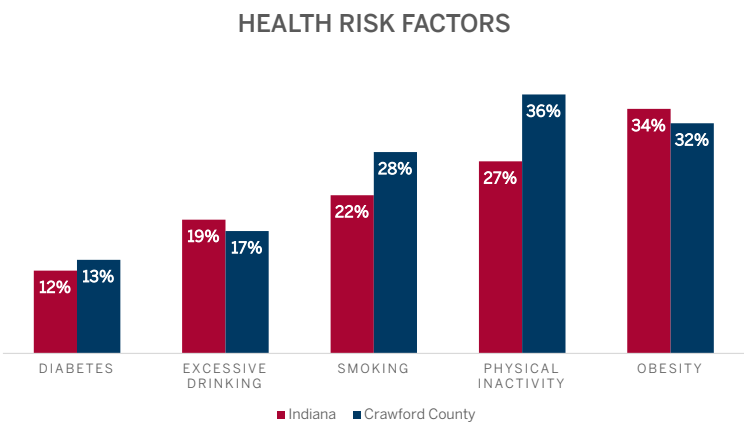
Educational Attainment

Crawford County is home to one public school corporation, the Crawford County Community School Corporation. Approximately 80 percent of Crawford County residents age 25 years or older are high school graduates and 10 percent of county residents have a bachelor’s degree or higher. Both statistics are below the state averages of 89 percent and 27 percent, respectively.¹⁵ Slightly more than three-quarters of Crawford County high school graduates complete their degree within four years.¹⁶ In comparison to the rest of the state, students in Crawford County are more likely to pass the ISTEP 10th grade math and language arts exams combined, with approximately 39 percent of students passing.¹⁷ 12th grade students are slightly more likely to take the SAT than the ACT; about 41 percent of 12th grade students take the SAT while 34 percent take the ACT.¹⁸

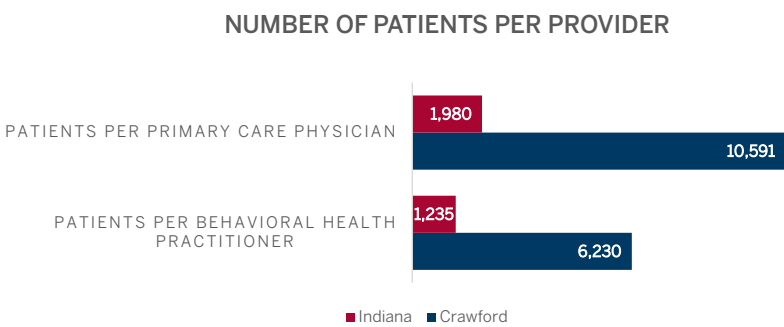


Health

Health indicators for Crawford County indicate that residents are slightly less likely to drink excessively and be obese in comparison to the average Hoosier.¹⁹ Residents are more likely to smoke and be physically inactive and about as likely to be diagnosed with diabetes In comparison to the state average.²⁰

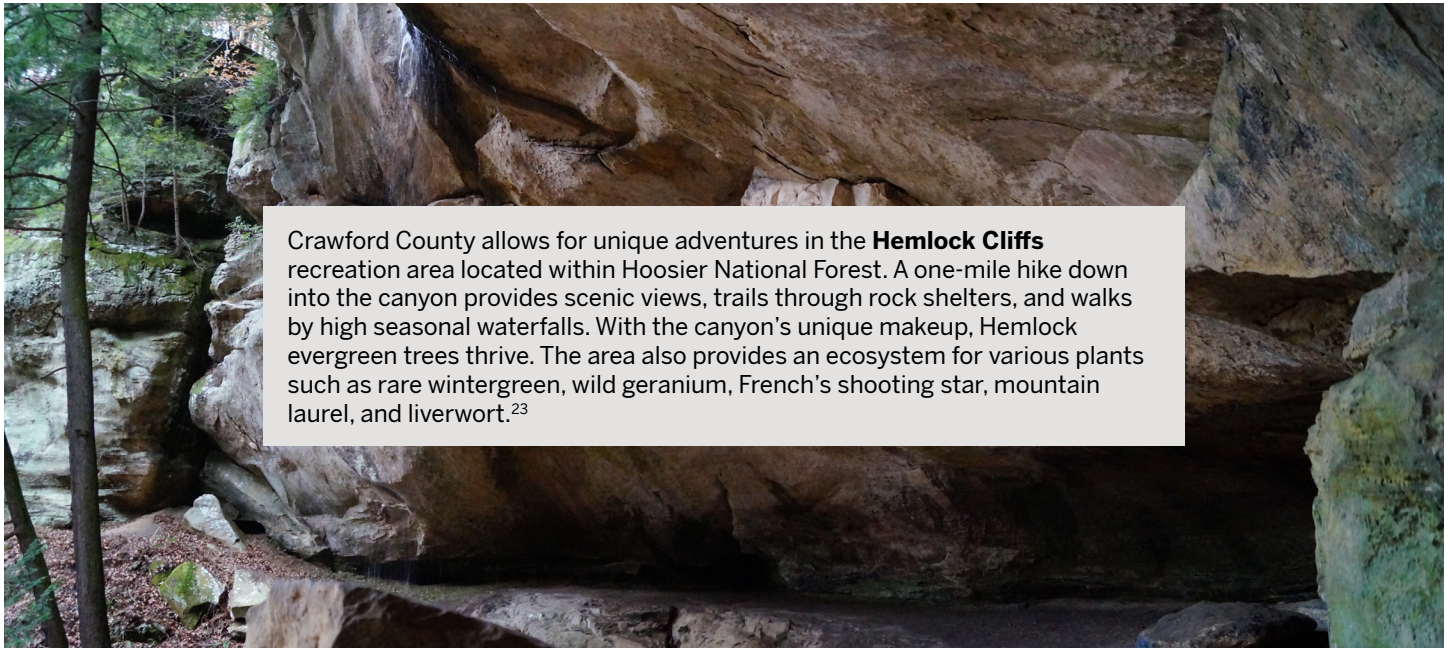


Health Provider Shortages



Medical and behavioral health providers can help address issues such as diabetes, obesity, smoking, and excessive alcohol consumption, and they can provide assistance to those struggling with mental health and substance use—issues currently facing many Hoosiers. Residents of Crawford County have much worse access to both primary care physicians and behavioral health practitioners than the average Hoosier. In Crawford County, there is one primary care physician available for the county’s entire population, and there is one behavioral health practitioner available per 6,230 county residents.^{21,22}

Highlights



Crawford County allows for unique adventures in the **Hemlock Cliffs** recreation area located within Hoosier National Forest. A one-mile hike down into the canyon provides scenic views, trails through rock shelters, and walks by high seasonal waterfalls. With the canyon's unique makeup, Hemlock evergreen trees thrive. The area also provides an ecosystem for various plants such as rare wintergreen, wild geranium, French's shooting star, mountain laurel, and liverwort.²³

For those seeking a fun challenge to improve their fitness and health, Crawford County hosts one of the most high-profile 5k races in Indiana and the country annually just before Independence Day. **The Marengo Underground 5k** run-walk is a one-of-a-kind experience. Participants from across the county get the opportunity to run and walk through Marengo Warehouse, a former quarry. The course provides flat terrain, cool cave temperatures, and interesting views along the way.²⁴



For science, photography, and astronomy lovers, Crawford County's secluded location and dark skies offer a unique opportunity to observe the stars at the **James G. Baker Center for Astronomy**. The Center welcomes stargazers of all ages, taking advantage of the quiet skies of Curby, Indiana. Many people come from southern Indiana and the Louisville area to use telescopes and cameras to capture beautiful images of the night's sky.²⁵

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